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SUBJ: PROPOSED REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR SMITH FOR CREDENTIALS
PRESENTATION

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1. BOTH TENOR AND LENGTH PROPOSED REMARKS EXCELLENT, IN EMBASSY'S
OPINION. WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST ONLY THREE MINOR CHANGES.

2. FIRST, IT IS FAIRLY CUSTOMARY HERE PCOR AN AMBASSADOR TO INCLUDE
IN HIS PRESENTATION PERSONAL GREETINGS FROM HIS HEAD OF STATE.
THUS, WE WOULD PROPOSE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE BE INSERTED AS
SEPARATE PARAGRAPH BETWEEN PARAS 2 AND 3 IN REFTEL: "I BRING
TO YOU AND YOUR CHARMING WIFE, MADAME HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY, THE
PERSONAL GREETINGS OF PRESIDENT AND MRS. NIXON, ADMIRERS BOTH OF
YOUR ABILITIES AS A STATESMAN AND OF YOUR HUMAN QUALITIES OF
COMPASSION, UNDERSTANDING, AND INTEGRITY."

3. SECOND SENTENCE OF PARA 5 STARTS OFF SOMEWHAT NEGATIVELY, WE
BELIEVE. WONDER INSTEAD
IF SENTENCE COULD NOT BE CHANGED AS
FOLLOWS: "AFRICA HAS BECOME A LAND OF INNOVATION IN MEETING
THE NEEDS OF ITS PEOPLES, SUCCEEDING AT THE SAME TIME IN RETAINING
THOSE VALUES AND PRACTICES WHICH CONSTITUTE ITS HUMAN SUBSTANCE."
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CONCERN THAT THEY FIND WAYS TO MODERNIZE WITHOUT DESTROYING GOOD

FEATURES OF WHAT IS ALREADY THERE.

4. EXPERIENCED FONMIN HAND TOLD US THAT IF WE WISH REALLY TO PLEASE HOUPHOUET, WE SHOULD INCLUDE IN REMARKS SOME REFERENCE TO HIS DIALOGUE EFFORTS. BELIEVING HIS SUGGESTION TO BE WELL TAKEN, BUT WISHING TO SHY AWAY FROM THE EMOTIONS STIRRED BY USE OF THE WORD "DIALOGUE", EMBASSY PROPOSES FOLLOWING SENTENCE TO BE INSERTED BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD SENTENCES OF PARA 6: "YOUR EMPHASIS ON OPEN DISCUSSION AND EXCHANGE OF IDEAS HAS EARNED YOU WIDESPREAD RESPECT."

5. MAY WE HAVE FINAL FRENCH VERSION OF APPROVED REMARKS SOONEST IN ORDER MEET REQUEST FROM PRESIDENCY.
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